

Application No. 09/560,597  
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REMARKS

The Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (the "Notice") mailed on March 31, 2004, indicates that the Request for Continued Examination mailed by the applicant on March 25, 2004, is improper because the request was not accompanied by a submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114. Specifically the submission (an amendment) did not include a complete set of claims. A copy of the amendment, together with a complete set of claims, is filed herewith. In addition, a copy of the declaration under 37 CFR 1.131, originally filed with the amendment, is also filed herewith. These filings are believed to timely correct the deficiency noted in the Notice and satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.114. Reconsideration of the Request for Continued Examination is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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